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U.C.L.A. Chancellor to Head Newspaper Concern

Dr. Murphy to Take Norman Chandler's Post With the Times Mirror Company

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—Dr. Franklin D. Murphy resigned on short notice today as chancellor of the University of California, Los Angeles.

He will become chairman of the board of directors and chief executive officer of The Times Mirror Company, the concern that publishes The Los Angeles Times and owns many other enterprises in the publishing and industrial fields.

Dr. Murphy, 52 years old, will succeed Norman Chandler, current head of the family that has operated The Times for nearly a century. Mrs. Norman Chandler is on the university's Board of Regents.

Dr. Murphy, presenting his resignation in person to the regents' monthly meeting at the university's Riverside campus, denied to reporters that his departure after eight years was motivated by the rising frictions between the university and the administration of Gov. Ronald Reagan. "The university is getting back on the track," he remarked.

Candidate for Kerr Job

Dr. Murphy was one of the leading candidates for president of the university last year after the dismissal of Dr. Clark Kerr. There are contradictory accounts that Dr. Murphy declined the job and that he was passed over by the Regents in favor of Dr. Charles J. Hitch, who had been the university's financial vice president.

Dr. Murphy submitted his resignation in a 500-word letter to Dr. Hitch that was formal rather than genial in tone.

"These eight years at U.C.L.A. have been exciting and have provided me with a real sense of creativity and achievement," Dr. Murphy wrote, adding:

"I believe I have made my maximum contribution to higher education. On the other hand, I find in the opportunity presented me by The Times Mirror Company a new and extraordinary potential for personal satisfaction, since a great publishing company like



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university is ultimately in the business of communication and education."

Dr. Murphy had been one of the more outspoken university figures in criticizing financial retrenchments imposed by the Reagan Administration.

Just a year ago, when, as at present, state officials were in the midst of paring university budget requests, Dr. Murphy, told the regents bluntly: "I do not intend to preside at the liquidation or substantial erosion of the quality which 50 years of effort have created."

At that time, the Reagan Administration was cutting the university's request for a \$278-million state appropriation to \$231-million. State officials have just tentatively whittled the institution's request for \$311-million in operating funds for the academic year 1968-69 to \$280-million. In addition they have about cut in half supplementary requests totaling \$90-million for capital building funds and faculty salary increases.

Dr. Murphy, who has a medical degree, was head of the University of Kansas when he was named to the U.C.L.A. post in 1960.

Dr. Murphy's communication was received by the regents without immediate comment.

University sources said the Los Angeles branch would be headed for the time being by Vice Chancellor Charles Young.

ment, distributed at the regents' meeting along with Dr. Murphy's communication, said that Mr. Chandler would become chairman of the corporation's executive committee when Dr. Murphy takes over, by Sept. 1.

Three-Man Leadership

A further executive realignment in the company was announced. Otis Chandler, Norman Chandler's son and publisher of The Los Angeles Times, was appointed in addition to "the newly-created position of vice chairman of the board of directors."

Dr. Murphy said that with his accession "the company will be managed by a three-man team consisting of Albert V. Casey, Otis Chandler and myself." Mr. Casey, the company's president has been in over-all charge of its various division.

Dr. Murphy is chairman of the board of trustees of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and is a director of the Ford Motor Company, the McCall Corporation and the Hallmark greeting card company, and has been a director of The Times-Mirror Company.

He was born in Kansas City, Mo., and obtained his doctorate in medicine at the University of Pennsylvania in 1941. During World War II, he served in the Army Medical Corps, doing research on malaria and other tropical diseases.